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NEWS BULLETIN AND PRICE LIST FROM SUNNY RIDGE NURSERY

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SPRING, 1941



Small Supply of Trees

For some reason last season turned out to be a bad one for propagating nut trees at our nursery. In some varieties our stock is low.

If you order pecans, hiccans, hybrid hickory or English walnut we hope you will give an alternative or give us permission to substitute the nearest thing.

So far as we know everything that we sell except mulberry has better chance of yielding if it has a partner of same species and different variety to pollenate the blossoms.

CHINESE CHESTNUTS NOT SO SLOW

1 Perhaps you have the good luck not to be 50 years old. Perhaps you do not remember how much fun it was to pick up the shiny brown chestnuts from the autumn grass and fill your pockets in the days before the blight had laid low these majestic and useful trees. I remember it vividly, and time and again people have remarked to me what a delight it was to gather chestnuts.

The chestnut blight has denied that pleasure to one generation of young Americans, but the coming of the Chinese chestnut trees gives you a chance to give it to your own children. Just buy the trees from us and take care of them. See booklet on page 4.

Some persons think that nut trees are very slow growing and very late coming into bearing, but remember what the process of grafting is. We find the very best tree or trees out of thousands and make hundreds just like that original tree by sticking its twigs into the trunk of a tree that is not quite so valuable. Then we let that twig from the good tree become the whole of the new tree.

One of the qualities of these selected Chinese Chestnut trees is that they are surprisingly early bearers. They will bear as soon as apples or peaches. Occasionally one bears the year it is set out. And as to quality, the very conservative Mr. C. A. Reed, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, has said this:

"The best of the Chinese chestnuts are without peers among known chestnuts from any part of the world. They are large as average European chestnuts which appear on vendors' stands from November to mid-winter. They are as sweet as were the best natives. When in the right stage of maturing, the pellicle of the kernel usually clings to the shell when the kernel is being extracted."

2 **AMERICAN PERSIMMON.** The flavor of this fruit is unexcelled and those who know it love it. The trees are pleasing features of a lawn and may be expected to do well on all but the higher elevations south of the line Boston—Albany—Buffalo.

If there is any streak of experimentation in you try a couple of these interesting trees.

3 The Austin **JAPANESE CHESTNUT** is continuing to make friends. The parent tree of this variety was awarded the largest money prize ever given for a nut tree in the United States. I have seen the parent tree in Delaware. It seems to be perfectly blight proof, although the native American stock on which it was grafted was badly affected. The nut is very large but very sweet. We were completely sold out last spring and do not know how long our small supply will last.

4 **HONEY LOCUST**—The sensation of the year, after the Chinese persimmons, was the way the honey locusts clustered themselves with long pods of beans. Great big, fat sugary pods hung in masses and ripened on test trees of the two honey locusts that I am offering. They have proved themselves in the Philadelphia climate. If you have a cow let her have a little fun. She likes candy as well as any girl. If you keep livestock in the pasture where these trees grow you will have to get up early in the morning if you expect to find any beans on the ground. They will have been eaten at dawn by the quadrupeds.

5 **FILBERTS**—We have had so many calls for filberts that we have added them to our list of offerings. They are interesting trees.

Barcelona is the heavy bearer and Du Chilly is the pollinator. You must have both. Six feet apart for a screen, fifteen feet apart in the open.

PRICE LIST FOR NUT TREES

SUNNY RIDGE NURSERY, SWARTHMORE, PA.

The Nursery is at Round Hill, Va., but the sales office is at Swarthmore, Pa.

Good for orders placed before October 1st, 1941 when new price list will be out. After October 1st, 1941, orders will be in accord with the price list of that date. This cancels all previous lists.

All trees are grafted unless otherwise specified. Will be shipped bare root and properly cut back unless otherwise requested.

Be sure to read paragraph on page 3 about shipping with ball of earth.

Prices F. O. B. Railway Express or Freight office, Purcellville, Va., unless otherwise stated. Please be sure to give correct shipping address. We do hate to send a tree to the wrong place.

ONE DOZEN SOLD FOR THE PRICE OF TEN SINGLE TREES.

DOZEN RATE DOES NOT APPLY TO LESS THAN FOUR TREES OF ONE VARIETY IN AN ORDER TOTALING 12 TREES.

	1-2 ft. Ea.	2-3 ft. Ea.	3-4 ft. Ea.	4-5 ft. Ea.	5-6 ft. Ea.	6-7 ft. Ea.	7-8 ft. Ea.	8-10 ft. Ea.	10-12 ft. Ea.
Black Walunt** (Thomas, Stabler, Tasterite) ..		\$1.50	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$4.50	\$5.50
Northern Pecan† (Busseron, Green-rives, Posey, Kentucky and Indiana)		2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.50	4.00	5.00	6.00
PECAN x HICKORY HYBRID— HICCAN (Burlington, McCallister, Des Moines (rival of Burlington) Gerardi and Bixby, new ones		2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.50	4.00	5.00	7.00
Hybrid Hickory* Stratford and Fairbanks		2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.50	4.00	5.00	
Pure Shagbark (Grafted)		2.80	3.40	3.75	4.25	4.60			
English Walnut (Grafted) Wilz Mayette, Broadview, Treat Franquette	{	1.75	2.00	2.25					
Japanese Chestnut—Austin variety		1.25	1.50	1.75					
Chinese Chestnut (Grafted)* Zimmerman, Carr, Connecticut Yankee, Hobson		1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.50	3.00	3.75	4.50
Chinese Chestnut Seedlings See below.									
American Persimmon (Grafted) Early Golden, Killen, Kansas		1.75	2.00	2.20	2.35	2.50	2.60		
Chinese Persimmon Great Wall, Peiping			2.00	2.50	2.75				
Honey Locust (Grafted)† Calhoun and Millwood75	1.00	1.25	1.40	1.50	1.65	1.75	1.90	
Honey Locust Seedlings (For your own grafting. Transplanted35						
Mulberry (Grafted) Everbearing80	.90	1.00	1.10	1.25		
Filberts—Barcelona, Du Chilly (pollenator)50	.75						
Pawpaw Seedlings75	1.00							

CHINESE CHESTNUT TREES THAT HAVE RIPENED NUTS

If you are in a hurry for nuts you can get chestnut trees that already have ripened some nuts. A number of chestnut trees, 5-6 feet, 6-7 feet, 7-8 feet, 8-9 feet, have matured a crop of nuts. These trees have been carefull marked. If you want some of these proved trees add \$1.00 to the list price. If you take it with ball of earth you will have nuts in a hurry. Remember you need two kinds for pollination. No extra charge for trees over 8 feet that have borne nuts.

Chinese Chestnut Seedlings—Sturdy, two-year trees, well-rooted, parcel post prepaid: 3 trees \$1.00; 12 trees \$3.00; 100 trees \$22.00. (25 sold at hundred rate.)

† If interested in a beautiful shade tree try a **big pecan**. Write for special tree list.

* NOTE: The **Connecticut Yankee** variety is for some reason very hard to graft,

and therefore much more expensive to grow, and prices for it are 40¢ per tree higher for all sizes.

****Specimen Black Walnuts** to ornament your yard at once and bear nuts soon. Get our special tree list. Tasterite is a native of Ithaca, N. Y. It belongs in the North.

† Special price on quantity.

BALL OF EARTH

I strongly recommend that you let us ship large sized trees, by railway freight with ball of earth (balled and burlapped). You will be surprised to see how reasonable the freight rates are. Your local railway can give you exact freight rate to your station. Present rates per 100 pounds, from Purcellville, Va., to:

Philadelphia, Pa., 60¢; Boston, Mass., 91¢; Buffalo, N. Y., 90¢; Pittsburgh, Pa., 76¢; Chicago, Ill., \$1.12. You should count on the trees weighing from 100 to 500 lbs. according to size.

Planting with ball of earth is the quick way to get a nut tree started. It can start to growing the first year and you save two years' time. I did it with my 40 acres of Pecans—trucking the trees fifteen miles. A few years ago I put 40 balled and burlapped hickories out in a bluegrass sheep pasture. They all lived but one. Let us send yours that way.

We have shipped balled and burlapped to Texas with complete success.

Trees will be prepared with ball of earth carefully burlapped and put on train for \$1.00 per tree extra for trees under 6 ft.; \$1.50 for trees 6-8 ft.; \$2.50, 8-10 ft.; \$3.50, 10-12 ft.

FALL PLANTING recommended on Long Island and on and south of line—New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburg. November is an excellent time. In the spring plant as early as you can. We do not advise planting before October 25th.

Address and make checks payable to:

SUNNY RIDGE NURSERY, SWARTHMORE, PA.

SHAGBARK HICKORIES

The shagbark nut is good. It is one of the best in the world. The tree is beautiful but I find it is the very dickens to propagate.

I have only a small stock of these trees, a few each of a number of varieties from various latitudes. You state the size you want to pay for and the latitude and altitude of your place and let us do the best we can on fitting the variety to your locality. We have a geographer on the staff.

Get Our Special Tree List

As company for my old age I am building up a collection of varieties of Shagbarks and hickory hybrids on my Blue Ridge mountainside. I now have about 70 varieties. They are interesting company. My human friends get busy, they get old and bald, they go to the great beyond. The trees keep green and grow greater and greater as the years roll by—very interesting company.

During the last 25 years the Northern Nut Growers Association has been advertising and offering prizes for the best Hickory nuts. Nearly a hundred varieties have been thought good enough to name and give a trial. Mr. Willard Bixby, of Baldwin, N. Y., had most of these as some of his several hundred varieties of nut trees. After his lamented death this priceless arboretum was dispersed. I got cions of most of the Hickories for my old-age collection and to test out for the benefit of the public. I CAN SPARE A TREE OR TWO OF A FEW VARIETIES. Chestnuts, walnuts, honey locust and pecans are also on the list.

This is an opportunity for experimenters that is not likely to happen again soon. Write for our Special Tree List.

Apple Trees

We have a side-line of very choice Apple trees, not very many. They are grown from cions from selected trees of good bearing record and fruit of high color. They are top grafted on Northwestern Greening which is considered the best stock known and adds much to the value of the tree.

Varieties—Jonathan, Stayman Winesap, Rome Beauty, York Imperial, Northwestern Greening.

Caliper	1/2 - 3/4 inch	3/4 - 1 inch
	20¢ each	25¢ each

Dozen for the price of ten. No order less than \$1.50. Nut trees included. Hundred trees 20% off single tree prices for apple trees.

Reading Guides For The Owner Of Nut Trees

1. THE PLANTING, FERTILIZATION, & CARE OF NUT TREES AND PERSIMMONS

by J. Russell Smith, ScD, postpaid 25¢.

Don't buy good trees and then kill them by misguided care. This booklet will save you many times its cost and increase the results for all but the most skillful.

2. HOW TO GRAFT NUT TREES.

Postpaid 25¢.

The real fun is to graft your own nut trees. It is not especially difficult but it does require special technique. This illustrated booklet tells just how to do it.

This booklet is Appendix F of the book Tree Crops. So you don't need both unless you want the booklet to carry around with you.

Reading for Those Who Love Their Country and Want To Know Its Resources and Prospects

1. TREE CROPS, A PERMANENT AGRICULTURE,

by J. Russell Smith, ScD.

This book is 300 pages of pleasure to the person who loves trees or loves the earth or who likes to hear about things he never thought of before.

If you have a streak of ingenuity you will like this book. It tells how we are on the road to a whole new series of crops that grow on trees instead of on straw. Don't you want to have a hand in this new thing? The tree is nature's real engine of production and this book tells about some of them—Pecans, Persimmons, Hickories, Hybrids, Black Walnuts, English Walnuts, Honey Locust (cowfeed), Acorn bread and other things that are just over the hill waiting to come into your yard.

If you have a constructive imagination this book is likely to cause you to start something.

If you see it and don't want it send it back in good order after 5 days and you will get your money back promptly. I have found this to be a very safe offer. They don't come back. People keep them to read them a second time.

This book for persons of special interest has been out of print for 6 months. The commercial publisher, who works for profit, will not re-issue it. It happens that I wrote the book to spread an idea and so I have had a special printing made for the small but persistent demand of the people who want a better America.

Printing of small numbers is expensive, so our price has to be \$3.50 postpaid in United States or Canada. This is less than a commercial publisher would ask.

This is a book which some of the most famous judges in America give to their friends as presents.

2. NORTH AMERICA, THE CONTINENT AND ITS RESOURCES AS THE HOME OF MAN, by J. Russell Smith and M. Odgen Phillips, 1021 pages, \$4.75 postpaid, a study of the continent by producing regions such as Corn Belt, Cotton Belt, Southern California, the West Indies.

The first and last chapters are worth the price. They will tell you why Roosevelt has accomplished so little and why his successor may do no better unless . . .

"... and it makes this book of geography more eventful, more dramatic than any but the greatest novels. Possibly it is the greatest book of the year; it is New America's primer."—**The New Republic**, August 18, 1940.

It is a good book for one man of affairs to present to another.

"North America" is a vast account of how more than 150,000,000 people get their livings, out of the waters and the forests, the fields and the factories, by labor and business, science and useful arts. There cannot be too much emphasis on the importance of this book. If I were in a position to do so, I should require that it be thoroughly read by every high school student in the United States as a first step toward becoming an adult American."

—From New York **Herald-Tribune**.

The Survey declares: "Of J. Russell Smith's book it is almost impossible to speak too enthusiastically. The present reviewer has read it through from end to end and feels enriched by a knowledge of America which he could have obtained in no other way."

Keep either book three days and if you do not like it send it back. Your money will be promptly refunded.

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Do not telephone Swarthmore about trees. Do not call there about trees. It is a strictly mail order office. The trees are far away on the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia. Your letters will receive prompt attention, so will your orders.